

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

- 1-3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently amended) The dish rack according to claim ~~3~~46 wherein the paint layer is non-metallic.
5. (Currently amended) The dish rack according to claim ~~1~~46 wherein the polymer layer is a thermoplastic.
6. (Original) The dish rack according to claim 5 wherein the thermoplastic is a non-hydrocarbon carbon-chain polymer.
7. (Original) The dish rack according to claim 6 wherein the non-hydrocarbon carbon chain polymer is a polyvinyl chloride.
8. (Original) The dish rack according to claim 5 wherein the thermoplastic is a polyvinyl chloride blend.
9. (Currently amended) The dish rack according to claim ~~1~~46 wherein the metal frame comprises a wire-form having multiple interconnected wires.
10. (Original) The dish rack according to claim 9 wherein the wire form defines a bottom wall and a peripheral wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall to form an open-top, dish-holding recess.
11. (Original) The dish rack according to claim 10 and the wire form further comprising at least one set of tines located within the dish-holding recess.

12. (Currently amended) The dish rack according to claim ~~1~~46 wherein the entire metal frame is covered by the exterior coating.
13. (Withdrawn) The dish rack according to claim ~~1~~46 wherein the exterior coating further comprises a primer layer between the electrocoated layer and the polymer layer.
14. (Withdrawn) The dish rack according to claim 13 wherein the primer layer comprises a water-based primer.
15. (Withdrawn) The dish rack according to claim 13 wherein the primer layer comprises a non-water-based primer.
16. (Withdrawn) The dish rack according to claim 15 wherein the primer layer comprises an acetone-based primer.
17. (Withdrawn) The dish rack according to claim 15 wherein the primer layer comprises a methyl ethyl ketone-based primer.
- 18-20. (Canceled).
21. (Withdrawn) The dish rack according to claim ~~13~~19 wherein the polymer layer is a thermoplastic.
22. (Withdrawn) The dish rack according to claim 21 wherein the thermoplastic is a non-hydrocarbon carbon -chain polymer.
23. (Withdrawn) The dish rack according to claim 22 wherein the non-hydrocarbon carbon chain polymer is a polyvinyl chloride.
24. (Withdrawn) The dish rack according to claim 21 wherein the thermoplastic is a polyvinyl chloride blend.
25. (Withdrawn) The dish rack according to claim 21 and further comprising a corrosion-resistant layer between the electrocoated layer and the metal frame.

26. (Withdrawn) The dish rack according to claim 25 wherein the corrosion-resistant layer comprises an iron phosphate layer.

27. (Withdrawn) The dish rack according to claim 25 wherein the corrosion-resistant layer comprises a zinc phosphate layer.

28. (Withdrawn) The dish rack according to claim 25 wherein the corrosion-resistant layer comprises a tri-chrome sealer layer.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Withdrawn) The automated dishwasher according to claim ~~29~~47 wherein the exterior coating further comprises a primer layer between the electrocoated layer and the polymer layer.

31. (Withdrawn) The automated dishwasher according to claim 30 wherein the primer layer comprises a water-based primer.

32. (Withdrawn) The automated dishwasher according to claim 30 wherein the primer layer comprises a non-water-based primer.

33. (Withdrawn) The automated dishwasher according to claim 32 wherein the primer layer comprises an acetone-based primer.

34. (Withdrawn) The automated dishwasher according to claim 32 wherein the primer layer comprises a methyl ethyl ketone-based primer.

35-36. (Canceled)

37. (Withdrawn) The automated dishwasher according to claim ~~36~~47 wherein the paint layer is non-metallic.

38. (Withdrawn) The automated dishwasher according to claim 30 wherein the polymer layer is a thermoplastic.

39. (Withdrawn) The automated dishwasher according to claim 38 wherein the thermoplastic is a non-hydrocarbon carbon-chain polymer.

40. (Withdrawn) The automated dishwasher according to claim 39 wherein the non-hydrocarbon carbon chain polymer is a polyvinyl chloride.

41. (Withdrawn) The automated dishwasher according to claim 38 wherein the thermoplastic is a polyvinyl chloride blend.

42. (Withdrawn) The automated dishwasher according to claim 38 and further comprising a corrosion-resistant layer between the electrocoated layer and the metal frame.

43. (Withdrawn) The automated dishwasher according to claim 42 wherein the corrosion-resistant layer comprises an iron phosphate layer.

44. (Withdrawn) The automated dishwasher according to claim 42 wherein the corrosion-resistant layer comprises a zinc phosphate layer.

45. (Withdrawn) The automated dishwasher according to claim 42 wherein the corrosion-resistant layer comprises a tri-chrome sealer layer.

46. (New) A dish rack for an automated dishwasher, comprising:  
a metal frame configured to support dishes, and  
an exterior coating covering at least a portion of the metal frame and comprising:  
an electrocoated paint layer on the metal frame, and  
a polymer layer on the electrocoated layer;  
whereby the exterior coating protects the metal frame from corrosion while providing an aesthetic appearance.

47. (New) An automated dishwasher, comprising:  
a wash tub having top, bottom, side, and rear walls, which collectively form an open-faced wash chamber;

a door hingedly mounted relative to the wash tub for movement between an open and closed conditions to selectively close the open-faced wash chamber;

a dish rack located within the open-faced wash chamber and comprising a metal frame configured to support dishes; and

an exterior coating covering at least a portion of the metal frame and comprising:

an electrocoated paint layer on the metal frame, and

a polymer layer on the electrocoated layer;

whereby the exterior coating protects the metal frame from corrosion while providing an aesthetic appearance.